(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this type of attitude would impact negatively the psyche and professional approach of Indian pilots;

(d) whether foreign pilots are appointed by Air India while neglecting Indian pilots; and

(e) the details of the number of pilots working at present in Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) There is no difference in the overall wage package of foreign pilots versus Indian Pilots.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) At present, 151 foreign pilots are working in Air India.

Guildelines for private operators on acquisition of airports

1216. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted the transaction by owners of Mumbai airport buying into Bangalore Airport;

(b) if so, whether Government has any policy or guidelines with regard to private airport operators acquiring control of more than two major airports in the country;

(c) the view of Government on the increased monopolistic tendencies in the airport sector; and

(d) the details of steps proposed by Government to ensure that there is competition in airport management sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Neither M/s Bangalore International Airport Ltd. nor M/s. Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. have reported any such transaction having taken place.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Black marketing due to pilots leave

1217. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that when pilots of Jet Airlines went on mass leave leading to cancellation of many flights in September, 2009, other airlines raised their fares at their whims;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) why Government remained a mute spectator to this black mailing adding woes of troubled passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It came to the notice of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) that scheduled domestic airlines had increased their tariff on certain sectors when the pilots of Jet Airways went on mass leave.